

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 189th meeting of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7-30.

Present :- Councillors Anthony Odhams, Babs Channing, Viv O'Dell, Jan Coeshall, Roger Cooper (clerk), Apologies David Gruncell.

Following the uncontested election The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING took place. Anthony Odhams was re-elected as Chair, as DG was not present, and there being no other volunteers, the position of Deputy Chair was left open until the next meeting.

AO welcomed Jan Coeshall as a member of the PC.

On behalf of the Village and PC, AO expressed heartfelt thanks to Winnie Rooks who has retired from her very long standing service to the PC, initially as Clerk then as Councillor.

There were no questions submitted by Members of the Public, so the Parish Meeting was closed.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of meeting held on 8th March were approved and signed.

Recording meetings for minuting purposes. RC has asked if the meetings could be recorded to help with ensuring the Minutes are as full and accurate as possible. Jan Coeshall kindly took over this task last year, but as she is now a Councillor the job will revert to RC. There was discussion about whether recording is permissible, it was agreed to record this meeting and check with MDDC for future meetings.

It was stated that following the recent local elections, Councillor Steve Keable now represents the Taw Valley Ward which includes Nymet Rowland and Councillor Margaret Squires has retained her Devon CC seat.

Matters arising:-

- 1) Pothole/road Maintenance. AO has again reported the dreadful state of the road on Barton Hill and on to Cleaveanger. He is contacting our new councillor Steve Keable about the state of all village roads. He advised VO'D that mud on the road is not a Highways matter but if severe the Police be informed. The surface effluent running from the farm buildings and pooling on the road may be an Environmental Agency matter.
- 2) Street lighting. RC will now ask Street lighting to attend to the shade on the lamp outside Upcott House and at the junction. There are no other requests for the shades. He also queries what is happening about the repairs of the 2 lights adjacent to the church, that are still not working.

- 3) Memorial Bench and Tree. AO, DG have offered to organise installation of the bench. Dave Coeshall explained about and offered to provide some security ground anchors for the bench if required. It is now agreed that lack of space at the same location means planting a tree is not practical. VO'D to confirm pricing and delivery time of the bench.
- 4) Repairs to bench at junction. RC has not yet received the quotation for the repairs, but it is believed to be a genuine Victorian item. RC to press for the quote.
- 5) Updated emergency plan. DG is consulting with a district council expert and Mark Wooding on finalising the content with the aim of its timely completion. .
- 6) What 3 words location initiative. It was agreed to postpone the introduction of this until the guidance notes are incorporated into an updated defibrillator guidance card and distributed.

Finance report.

Deposit A/C balance is £1,412.60, Current A/C £1,150.30, invoices due for £360.

RS has again kindly volunteered to audit the accounts before sending to PKF Littlejohn.

AOB. Air Ambulance night landing location. AO explained that despite several site visits, so far it has not been possible to find a suitable site for night landings that meets the Devon Air Ambulance criteria. However this does not prevent daytime landings.

JC Requested that on behalf of the village, THANKS be minuted to the Odhams Family and helpers for hosting the Kings Coronation Picnic at Upcott House on 7th May.

Dates of next meetings Wed 16th August, Wed 15th November, Wed 7th Feb.2024.